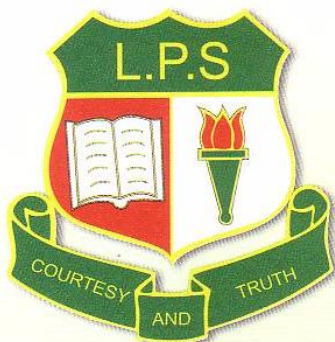


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**Lambton Public School**

Dear Parents,

#### Voluntary School Contributions

Each year schools ask parents to support their educational programs by making a financial contribution to the school. These are separate from the book pack fee. In the past these may have been referred to as school fees, but they are in fact voluntary contributions.

Our contributions are:

\$30 for families with one child at school

\$40 for families with two children at school, and

\$50 for families with three or more children at school

These contributions go directly to classroom resources and educational programs and so they significantly benefit the learning of students. Your support of the school by paying these contributions is greatly appreciated.

#### Scripture (SRE) and Ethics

Each week we have special religious education (SRE) classes that are available for all students from K-6. These lessons will commence again from next Thursday. (See Scripture News on page 3 of this newsletter). Students who were at LPS last year will remain in their existing SRE group. Kindergarten students and children new to the school in other grades will today receive a note offering a choice of SRE group that should be returned to school as soon as possible.

Our school Ethics program will also recommence from next Thursday.

This program is only available to Stage 3 students.

#### Selective high schools placement test – 15 March

The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. For key dates, online applications and more information for parents, see [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php)

#### Sporting Effort

As many of you will know, Coban has been zooming around school in his wheelchair for the last 12 months or so. For three days at the end of the holidays Coban went to Sydney Academy of Sport at Narrabeen to try out for the NSW State Wheelchair Basketball team. Coban didn't quite make the team (he was much younger than many other competitors) but he did make an impression. He was told he had amazing talent and the Head Selector said he expected to see him playing for Australia in the future. Well done on a great effort Coban.

Thank you.

David Robson  
Principal

## K-2 Water Fun Morning

Kinder to Year 2 students will be involved in a water fun morning on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Students will participate in fun water activities from 9.30 – 11.10 .

- Reminder to parents to send children with swimmers under their sports uniform
- All children need a sun shirt, hat, towel, underwear all clearly labelled
- Send them with sunscreen already applied

#### Equipment Needed

If there are any parents who would be willing to lend us a slip and slide and bubble blowing wands for the morning this would be greatly appreciated.



## Thought of the Day

**You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him.**

~Leo Aikma

## Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: School Swimming Carnival Years 3 – 6  
Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb: School Photo Day  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar: Aleesah Darlison Author Visit – Cost \$4.00  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April: Last Day of Term 1

# Swimming Carnival – 15<sup>th</sup> February

No	Event
1	Freestyle – 100m approx 9.30am
2	20m Freestyle
3	Freestyle age races – 50m
4	Duck diving races (Yrs 3,4,5&6)
5	Freestyle age races – 50m/finals
6	Recess approx. 11.00am
7	Backstroke 50m
8	Breaststroke 50m
9	Butterfly 50m
10	Grade cork scramble (Yrs 3,4,5&6)
11	Junior championship
12	Senior championship
13	Lunch approx. 1:00pm
14	Junior and senior rescue races
15	Grade house relays
16	Invitation relay
17	Assemble with teacher inside pool – mark roll outside pool approx 2:30pm
19	Walk back to school

Year 3-6 students are to report to school at 8:50am and assemble in their normal class positions at 9:00am for roll call. Students will then walk to Lambton Pool.

The carnival is basically split into 2 sections. The morning session being the competitive aspect of the day when times are taken and selection for the zone team is occurring. After lunch the activities are non-competitive and more novelty based. These encourage House participation and enjoyment of water activities. They are run quite informally.

The carnival will start at 9:30am and will conclude at 2:30pm. At the conclusion of the carnival all students will report to their class teacher and have their name marked off the roll. Pupils will then walk back to school and be dismissed at 3:00pm.

Parents may pick their own child/ren up outside the pool after they have been marked off the roll.

Those children staying at the pool must have a note and be accompanied by a parent and must also be marked off the roll **outside** the pool and either pay to re-enter or show pool pass. (This is a pool requirement)

**Parents taking their child/ren from the carnival must sign the class list, available from the announcer's box, if leaving prior to 2.30pm.**

The School Canteen will be closed, however kiosk facilities will be available. Please pack sunscreen, drinks, lunch and recess.

## Sports House Captains 2012

Congratulations to the following House Captains for 2012

HOUSE	CAPTAINS	VICE CAPTAINS
<b>COOK</b>	Trent Botham Kathryn Stellmaker	Nash Gold Erin Moore
<b>SHORTLAND</b>	Liam Colhoun Casey Moss	Mason Taylor Millie Sellar
<b>HUNTER</b>	Jackson Yates Nic Ross	Sakshi Mehta Jasmine Stuart
<b>DAVID</b>	Josh Vollmerhouse Tori Murray	Rani Ruse Grace Williams



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### National Year of Reading

This year is National Year of Reading. Libraries (including ours) all around Australia, will be partnering with other organisations that share a passion for reading. This is a nationwide campaign promoted by Australian libraries and library associations linking together all the great things that are happening around books and literacy. There will be a whole heap of fun activities taking place around Australia and online, so people of all ages, from different backgrounds, can discover and rediscover the joy of reading. We will be participating in some of the activities through the school library. If you are interested in finding out more information check out the website [www.love2read.org.au/index.cfm](http://www.love2read.org.au/index.cfm)

Mrs Quinn - Teacher Librarian



## Covering Library Books

The school library is in need of helpers who are willing to take home new library books and cover them in contact. If you are interested could you please contact Ms Bobeth or Mrs Quinn in the library.

Thanks

Mrs Quinn

Teacher Librarian

## Scholastic Book Club



Book Club is starting up for the year again, offering great deals on books. The school receives points towards free resources from Scholastic, for each student purchase.

Simply fill out the order form on the back of the brochure and place in an envelope with the correct money, then post the envelope into the money box at the office.

Book Club is due back Friday 17th February.

No orders can be taken after that date.



## Aleesah Darlison Author Visit

Author visits are valuable and educational learning experiences.

This year we are excited to have childrens author Aleesah Darlison visiting our school on Wednesday 7th March. Aleesah travels throughout Australia and internationally delivering Author Talks and Workshops for children and adults on Creative Writing and Marketing. She has an inspiring, engaging and interactive way of communicating with children. The cost for this valuable talk will be \$4.00 per student

## CANTEEN ROSTER for Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Barb Erin Blake Michelle Unwin	Barb Chris Henry Kerrie Smith	Canteen Closed Swimming Carnival	Melissa Debeljak Jo Stellmaker Rana Pennington Veronica Patterson	Barb Jo Patinotis Dianne Frizza

## New Uniform Shop Hours

From next week, the Uniform Shop will open both **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings from 8.40 a.m.

Alternatively, completed orders with payments can be left at the office and the office ladies will fill the order when time allows.

The long awaited arrival of our green polo shirts should arrive Thursday next week. Backorders will be filled and delivered to children in their classrooms.

## Scripture News

Each Thursday we are fortunate to have an amazing team of dedicated scripture teachers at our school. They all love teaching scripture to the wonderful children at LPS! In scripture, children have to study a faith in-depth. At LPS we have available Christian (non-denominational) and Catholic Scripture. The classes cover; Christian ethics, the main stories and themes of the bible and faith practices eg prayer. The scope is broad and may also include ancient history, drama, craft and music.

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Thank you for your support

## Notes coming home today

- Internet and Computer Usage Code of Conduct
- Stage 2 Years 3 & 4 Parents & Carers Information
- State 3 Years 5 & 6 Parents & Carers Information

## Payments Due – Courtesy Reminder

- Swimming Carnival Years 3 – 6 \$2.40 or pool pass
- Book Packs – Kinder to Year 6

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WESTS BASKETBALL

Registration Day – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-7 pm Ncle Basketball Stadium

Come Along – All Welcome

U/8's-U/10's Thurs starts beginning of each school term

U/12's & 19's – Wed night

U/14's & 16's – Friday night

Players and parents welcome – Ph Karen 49 558880

# P & C NEWS

## P & C Annual General Meeting

We had a great attendance at the P&C AGM on Monday night with 18 parents, 1 grandparent and 3 staff. It was quite a big evening with reports, the election of office bearers and planning for the coming year.

Please welcome the newly appointed office bearers:

President – Greame Stuart

Treasurer – Faythe Arnold

Minutes Secretary – Tia Hogan

Vice Pres – Karen Deveson

Corresp Secretary – Dionne Sullivan

Canteen Tres – Jackie Teal

P & C News Editor – Jess Rollings

Canteen Committee – Paula Smith, Sue Palmer, Tamara Gossner, Sheena Kearsley, Barb Pearce (ex-officio)

Thanks to Felicity Edwards and Belinda Rees who have stepped down as office bearers. Thanks also to Dionne Sullivan for all her work as the P&C News Editor during 2011.

## Fundraising in 2012

The P&C is focussing on raising funds to air condition the library, upgrade the canteen and support the visit by Bali artists. This is quite a large commitment (and of course we will continue to support a range of other school activities like the end of year picnic, presentation day and the Year 6 farewell). We have also been discussing how we can ensure that our fundraising doesn't just focus on the school but also supports local and international charities. We have decided to donate 5% of the net funds we raise to people less fortunate than our school community. We hope this will encourage students to recognise the importance of thinking of others when we spend money and so we will explore how we can involve them in deciding where the money should go.

Fundraising events for the year include two school discos Mothers and Fathers day stalls, a trivia night (23 February), a number of BBQs, raffles at Easter and Christmas and a Fete. More details will be in future newsletters

We are also planning other events throughout the year including the Mothers and Fathers day breakfasts, a repeat of the successful maths information session and some new information sessions.

## Trivia Night

Please support the trivia night on Thursday 23 February at the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club. If you can help with some prizes, Anne Sutherland (the Art Teacher) would love to hear from you. The funds from this event will be helping to bring some Balinese artists to the school later this year. While the school received a grant for this project, we need to cover the airfares and living expenses. We hope you can make it to what should be an enjoyable evening.

## Voluntary Ethics Teachers

The school currently offers ethics classes to students in years 5 and 6 who do not attend scripture. Later this year, an ethics curriculum will become available for students in years 3 and 4. In order to offer this at our school, we need another voluntary ethics teacher. Ethics teachers need to complete some online training, attend two days face to face training and satisfy a police check. The face to face training may be on the Central Coast or in Sydney if there are not enough ethics teachers needing training in the Newcastle area. If you are interested in becoming an ethics teacher or know someone who is, please contact Trish Berghout (ethics coordinator) on 4957 6557.

## Leap Frog Garden

If you enjoy gardening please consider becoming involved in the LEAP Frog Garden (behind the school library). Frequently on Tuesday afternoons, a small group of parents spend some time in the garden helping to maintain it. This year, we hope to explore how the garden can be used as a teaching resource. The next gardening session will be 2.30 pm on Tuesday. For more details please contact Fiona Ryan on 49577992.

## Painless Payments

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